

Council on Postsecondary Education
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Report on Fall 2005 Estimated Enrollment

Fall 2005 enrollments, at all levels, are predicted to continue the increases that began with reform in 1998.

Highlights include:

- A record high 235,083 students enrolled at public and independent postsecondary institutions in Kentucky.
- This is an increase of 3,471 students or 1.5 percent over 2004 enrollment.
- Public institutions alone enrolled 203,273 students.

Estimated enrollment growth since 1998:

- Since 1998, total postsecondary education enrollment increased by 50,237 students or 27.2 percent.
- Undergraduate enrollment increased 44,906 students or 27.9 percent.
- The KCTCS showed the largest increase with 32,550 more students. This is an increase of 63.0 percent since 1998.
- Graduate student enrollment growth continued, though there was a decrease for public institutions of 0.9 percent between 2004 and 2005. The fall 2005 estimate reflects a 15.5 percent, or 2,703, increase over fall 1998 for public institutions. Independent institutions increased 100.5 percent, or 1,944 graduate students.

Official data will be reported in January. Estimates in prior years have varied from actual enrollments by small amounts. National enrollment data are not yet available for comparison.

The attached table provides enrollment information, including change statistics, for each public institution.

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KENTUCKY POSTSECONDARY ESTIMATED ENROLLMENT^a
FALL 2005

	1998 ACTUAL	2004 ACTUAL	2005 ESTIMATED	1-YR CHANGE		7-YR CHANGE	
				N	%	N	%
<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>							
Eastern Kentucky University	13,480	13,837	13,932	95	0.7%	452	3.4%
Kentucky State University	2,205	2,183	2,227	44	2.0%	22	1.0%
Morehead State University	6,743	7,762	7,303	(459)	-5.9%	560	8.3%
Murray State University	7,349	8,371	8,625	254	3.0%	1,276	17.4%
Northern Kentucky University	10,643	12,070	12,070	0	0.0%	1,427	13.4%
University of Kentucky	17,157	18,492	18,895	403	2.2%	1,738	10.1%
University of Louisville	14,647	14,933	15,081	148	1.0%	434	3.0%
Western Kentucky University	12,713	15,846	15,855	9	0.1%	3,142	24.7%
Total Universities	84,937	93,494	93,988	494	0.5%	9,051	10.7%
KCTCS (including LCC)	51,647	81,990	84,197	2,207	2.7%	32,550	63.0%
Total Public	136,584	175,484	178,185	2,701	1.5%	41,601	30.5%
Independent Institutions	24,342	27,121	27,647	526	1.9%	3,305	13.6%
Total Undergraduate	160,926	202,605	205,832	3,227	1.6%	44,906	27.9%
<u>GRADUATE</u>							
Eastern Kentucky University	1,922	2,346	2,268	(78)	-3.3%	346	18.0%
Kentucky State University	98	152	159	7	4.6%	61	62.2%
Morehead State University	1,520	1,531	1,730	199	13.0%	210	13.8%
Murray State University	1,554	1,757	1,665	(92)	-5.2%	111	7.1%
Northern Kentucky University	764	1,272	1,360	88	6.9%	596	78.0%
University of Kentucky	5,142	5,825	5,670	(155)	-2.7%	528	10.3%
University of Louisville	4,293	4,802	4,643	(159)	-3.3%	350	8.2%
Western Kentucky University	2,169	2,667	2,670	3	0.1%	501	23.1%
Total Universities	17,462	20,352	20,165	(187)	-0.9%	2,703	15.5%
Independent Institutions	1,934	3,593	3,878	285	7.9%	1,944	100.5%
Total Graduate	19,396	23,945	24,043	98	0.4%	4,647	24.0%
<u>FIRST PROFESSIONAL</u>							
Northern Kentucky University	392	579	588	9	1.6%	196	50.0%
University of Kentucky	1,410	1,427	1,490	63	4.4%	80	5.7%
University of Louisville	1,269	1,301	1,327	26	2.0%	58	4.6%
Total Universities	3,071	3,307	3,405	98	3.0%	334	10.9%
Independent Institutions	120	265	285	20	7.5%	165	137.5%
Total First Professional	3,191	3,572	3,690	118	3.3%	499	15.6%
<u>POST-GRADUATE^b</u>							
University of Kentucky	685	801	780	(21)	-2.6%	95	13.9%
University of Louisville	648	689	738	49	7.1%	90	13.9%
Total Universities	1,333	1,490	1,518	28	1.9%	185	13.9%
<u>TOTAL HEADCOUNT</u>							
Eastern Kentucky University	15,402	16,183	16,200	17	0.1%	798	5.2%
Kentucky State University	2,303	2,335	2,386	51	2.2%	83	3.6%
Morehead State University	8,263	9,293	9,033	(260)	-2.8%	770	9.3%
Murray State University	8,903	10,128	10,290	162	1.6%	1,387	15.6%
Northern Kentucky University	11,799	13,921	14,018	97	0.7%	2,219	18.8%
University of Kentucky	24,394	26,545	26,835	290	1.1%	2,441	10.0%
University of Louisville	20,857	21,725	21,789	64	0.3%	932	4.5%
Western Kentucky University	14,882	18,513	18,525	12	0.1%	3,643	24.5%
Total Universities	106,803	118,643	119,076	433	0.4%	12,273	11.5%
KCTCS (including LCC)	51,647	81,990	84,197	2,207	2.7%	32,550	63.0%
Public	158,450	200,633	203,273	2,640	1.3%	44,823	28.3%
Independent Institutions	26,396	30,979	31,810	831	2.7%	5,414	20.5%
Total Enrollment	184,846	231,612	235,083	3,471	1.5%	50,237	27.2%

^aFinal fall enrollments will be available January 2006. Recent estimates have varied from actual enrollments by + or - 2%.

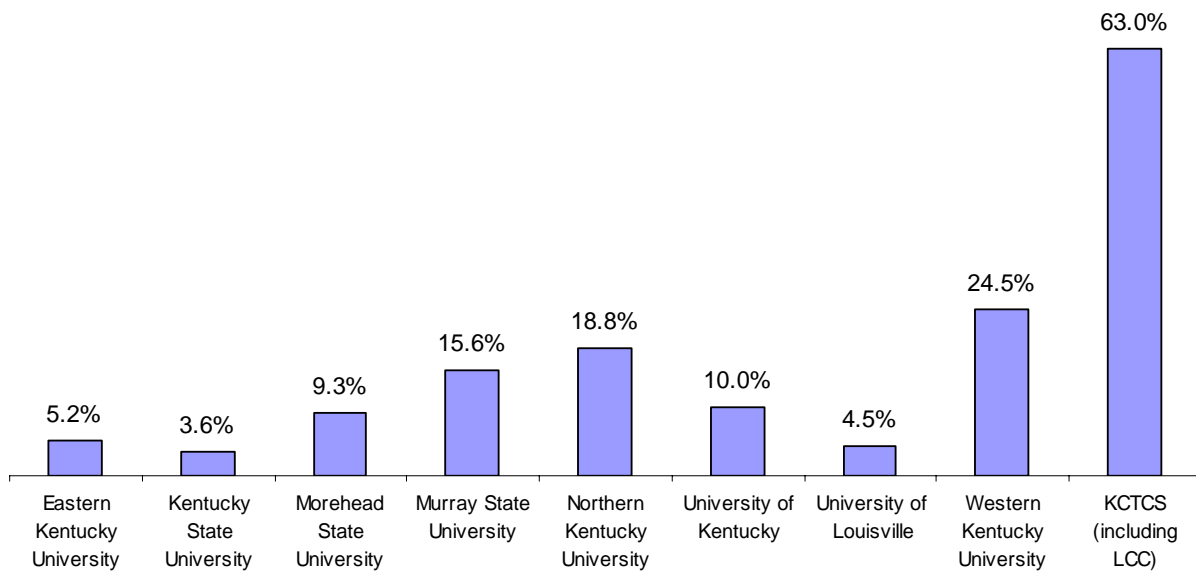
^bPost-graduate includes post-doctoral students and medical school residents and interns (house staff).

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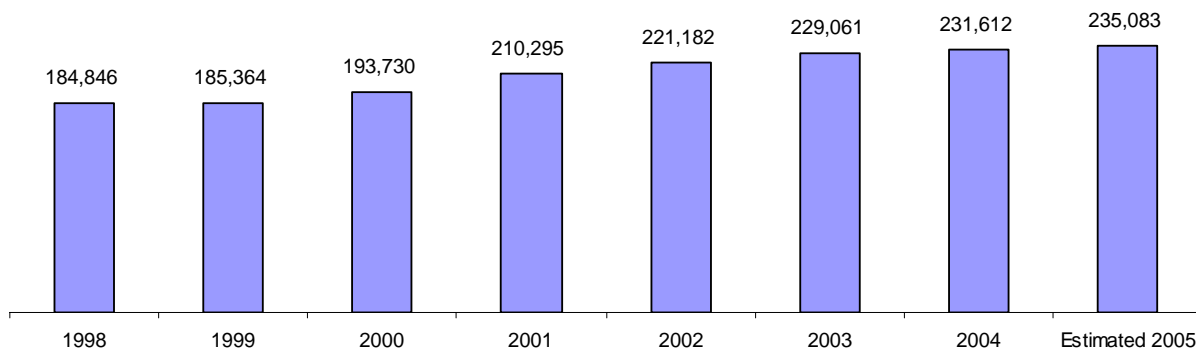


1998 Enrollment: 184,846
2005 Estimated Enrollment: 235,083
7-Yr Percent Increase: 27.2%

7-Year Total Headcount Enrollment Increase, Public Postsecondary Education Institutions



Total Enrollment Increase in Kentucky Postsecondary Education



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Source: Council on Postsecondary Education Comprehensive Data Base